

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested. This Amendment should be entered under Rule 116 because it places this application in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-3 and 5-23 remain pending in the application.

Claims 1-3 and 5-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particular point out an distinctly claim the subject matter. In response, claims 1 and 11 have been amended. The phrase in claim 1, "all hinging means allow rotation around any axis with respect to any ground" is replaced by "said hinging means are universal hinges or cardan joints or ball-and-socket joints". The same limitation has also been added to claim 11. Thus, claims 1 and 11 are now believed definite and meet the requirements set forth in 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Accordingly, rejection of claims 1-3 and 5-23 are respectfully requested to be withdrawn.

Claims 1-2, 5-18 and 20-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3, 419, 238 to Flory. In response, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate further limitations and is now believed patentable over Flory for reasons discussed below.

Flory does neither disclose the use of universal hinges, nor the use of cardan joints or ball-and-socket joints. Thus, Flory fails to disclose all of the claimed limitations of claim 1. Accordingly, the rejection to claim 1 should be withdrawn.

Claims 2, 5-18 and 20-23 recite additional, important limitations and should be patentable for the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 1 as well as on their own merits.

Claims 3 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Flory' 238.

Claims 3 and 19 recite additional, important limitations and should be patentable for the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 1 as well as on their own merits.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

LOWE HAUPTMAN HAM & BERNER, LLP



Kenneth M. Berner
Registration No. 37,093

1700 Diagonal Road, Suite 300
Alexandria, Virginia 22314
(703) 684-1111
(703) 518-5499 Facsimile
Date: January 22, 2008
KMB/SY/cac